

Symphony Hall Friends gather for a fund-raiser



Attending the Friends of Newark Symphony Hall's 'Friend Bring a Friend' party at the home of Alan Falcone in Newark are Mrs. Bennie Fields of Newark, left, and her niece, Celeste Bateman-Mangan, supervisor of Cultural Affairs for Newark.

Photo by Steve Heckstein



Discussing the future of Newark Symphony Hall at the party are, from left, Carol Jenkins of East Orange, Michael Jones, director of development at WBO in Newark, Mamie Hale, vice chairman of the Newark Performing Arts Corporation in Newark, and Philip Thomas, president of the Woodson Foundation in Newark



Welcoming guests to the benefit for Newark Symphony Hall in Newark are members of Friends of Newark Symphony Hall. From left, Judith Bateman of Irvington, Laurel Hatten of Montclair, Mary Kornegay of Newark and Deborah Lester of Newark



Enjoying the weather at the fund-raiser are, from left, Ginny Jezek of Union, Geri Woods-Coles of Elizabeth, and Barbara Riley of Roselle



Greeting one another at the party are Bill Reeder, who is on the advisory board of Newark Symphony Hall, and Shirley Coxson of East Orange

By MICHELE A. SCHULZE

The important role that Newark's Symphony Hall plays for the local community was underscored by the coming together of 150 persons for the fifth annual Friend Bring a Friend afternoon fund-raiser.

The event was held at the Newark home of Alan Falcone, with the proceeds earmarked for Symphony Hall's renovation.

"So far we have raised \$3,000," explained Carol Jenkins of East Orange, chairman of the event. "We need as much as we can get because Symphony Hall is so important. No

other community in Essex County has such a place."

Symphony Hall's facelift begins this month and is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year. The Terrace Ballroom will get new carpeting, sprinklers, painting and new bathrooms with facilities for the handicapped.

The main hall will undergo asbestos removal and major roof repairs. Five Newark corporations—Mutual Benefit, Prudential, First Fidelity, New Jersey Bell and Public Service—are involved in the renovation and making capital contributions.

The new hall is due to open in December. Robert Van Fossan, chairman of Newark's

committee overseeing the renovations.

Falcone's Ridge Street home, in the historic Forest Hill section, may be joining the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1909, 21 years prior to Symphony Hall, by architect Ernest Guilbert, who also designed many schools in Essex County, including Columbia High School in Maplewood. The elegant, spacious home graced the cover of House and Garden magazine in 1911.

"We are trying to get audience development, to get more people involved with the Friends," noted Judith A. Bateman of Irvington, president of the group. "Symphony Hall is the last gem in Newark, and when the renovation is

The members are pulling together."

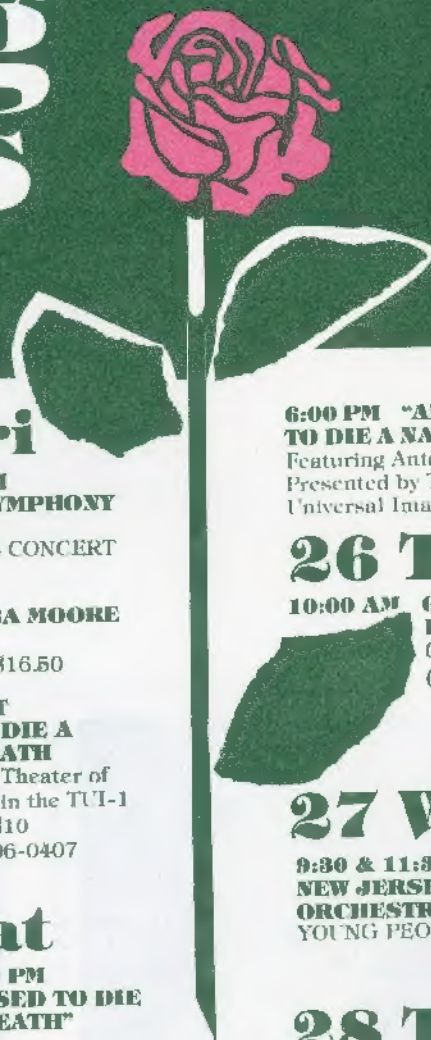
Anyone interested in becoming a Friend may send a contribution—\$5 for students and senior citizens and beginning at \$15 for adults—to Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., Newark, N.J., 07102.

Symphony Hall is home to many cultural organizations, including the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, the opera and ballet.

The Friends will hold their annual Christmas party in December in the new Terrace Ballroom.



Spring Events 1983



April

3 Sun

8:00 PM ANGELA BOFILL &
BLUE MAGIC
L.p. & b. productions
\$15, \$12.50, \$10

6 Wed

4:30 PM GREATER
NEWARK CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
"Business After Hours"
\$5

10 Sun

3:00 PM NEW JERSEY
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Maureen Forrester, Contralto
With: The Pro Arte Chorale
Featuring the Music of Weber,
Mahler and Prokofiev
\$9.50 to \$16.50

17 Sun

6:00 PM NEW JERSEY
STATE OPERA
Alfredo Silipigni, Conductor
Verdi's "Il Travatore"
Starring: Natalia Troitskaya
\$10 to \$32
Ticket Information
(201) 623-5757



19 Tues

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
PUBLIC SERVICE
ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
ANNUAL MEETING

20 Wed

10:00 AM DANCETIME FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE
Featuring The Philadelphia
Dance Co.
Group Sales Information
(201) 643-4550 \$3.00



21 Thurs

7:30 PM Melvin Van Peebles'
"AINT SUPPOSED TO DIE
A NATURAL DEATH"
Featuring Antonio Fargas
Presented by The Theater of
Universal Images in the TUI-1
Theater \$9 and \$10
Tickets (201) 596-0407

22 Fri

9:30 & 11:30 AM
NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
YOUNG PEOPLES CONCERT

8:00 PM MELBA MOORE
IN CONCERT
\$12.50, \$14.50 & \$16.50

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24 Sun

3:00 PM UNIVERSITY
CONCERT SERIES
"A Tribute to Count Basie"
\$10 to \$15



6:00 PM "AINT SUPPOSED
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Featuring Antonio Fargas
Presented by The Theater of
Universal Images

26 Tues

10:00 AM GARDEN STATE
BALLET
Group Sales Info
(201) 623-1033

27 Wed

9:30 & 11:30 AM
NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
YOUNG PEOPLES CONCERT

28 Thurs

7:30 PM "AINT SUPPOSED
TO DIE A NATURAL DEATH"
same as above

29 Fri

8:30 PM
"... A NATURAL DEATH"
same as above

30 Sat

3:00 PM & 8:30 PM
"... A NATURAL DEATH"
same as above

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BALLET HISPANICO / May 25



MELBA MOORE / April 22



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